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Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.73 million, 4 percent below 2002 and 1 percent below 2001.

Other disappearance totaled 71,000 during February, 13 percent above 2002 but 12 percent below 2001.

Cattle on Feed: U.S. Number Placed on Feed, by weight groups, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, February, 2002, January and February, 2003

Month	Less than 600 lbs	600-699 lbs	700-799 lbs	800+ lbs	Total
1,000 head					
Feb. 2002	261	411	664	474	1,810
Jan. 2003	*429	*577	*692	*403	*2,101
Feb. 2003	263	376	597	421	1,657

*Revised

U. S. CATTLE ON FEED 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.52 million head on March 1, 2003. The inventory was down 9 percent from the 11.52 million head on March 1, 2002 and 10 percent below March 1, 2001.

Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.66 million, 8 percent below 2002 but 5 percent above 2001. Net placements were 1.59 million. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 263,000, 600-699 pounds were 376,000, 700-799 pounds were 597,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 421,000.

Cattle and Calves on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots, and United States

State	Number on feed February 1			Placed during February			Marketed during February			Other disappearance during February			Number on feed March 1		
	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02	2002	2003	2003-02
	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent	1,000 head		Percent
AZ	311	291	94	26	22	85	26	31	119	1	3	300	310	279	90
CA	475	475	100	55	54	98	50	56	112	5	3	60	475	470	99
CO	1,180	1,030	87	190	170	89	210	200	95	10	10	100	1,150	990	86
ID	320	285	89	58	50	86	61	54	89	2	1	50	315	280	89
IA	395	360	91	57	58	102	51	56	110	1	2	200	400	360	90
KS	2,450	2,220	91	435	410	94	450	370	82	15	20	133	2,420	2,240	93
NE	2,290	2,220	97	370	330	89	350	350	100	10	10	100	2,300	2,190	95
NM	109	*114	105	12	11	92	11	12	109	1	1	100	109	112	103
OK	350	*330	94	55	46	84	59	55	93	1	1	100	345	320	93
SD	200	215	108	45	40	89	34	39	115	1	1	100	210	215	102
TX	2,850	*2,600	91	410	370	90	400	395	99	10	15	150	2,850	2,560	90
WA	237	180	76	43	31	72	50	30	60	1	1	100	229	180	79
Oth. Sts.	405	340	84	54	65	120	49	77	157	5	3	60	405	325	80
U.S.	11,572	*10,660	92	1,810	1,657	92	1,801	1,725	96	63	71	113	11,518	10,521	91

*Revised

Average prices, Nebraska, dollars per cwt

Week ended	Slaughter steers				Slaughter heifers			
	Choice				Choice			
	1100-1300 lbs				1000-1200 lbs			
	2002		2003		2002		2003	
Feb 22	71.13		78.08		71.24		77.94	
Mar 01	70.50		79.15		70.79		79.34	
Mar 08	73.14		76.72		73.43		76.20	

CHICKENS AND EGGS

FLORIDA

Table eggs averaged 51.0 cents per dozen sold in mid-March 2003 up 1.0 cent from last month. Table egg production in Florida during February was 207 million eggs, six percent below the previous month.

UNITED STATES

U.S. egg production totaled 6.62 billion during February 2003, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 5.63 billion table eggs and 985 million hatching eggs, of which 927 million were broiler-type and 58.0 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during February 2003 averaged 338 million, up slightly from a year earlier. February egg production per 100 layers was 1,957 eggs, up 1 percent from February 2002. February 2003 contained 20 weekdays, one holiday and four Saturdays, the same as February 2002.

All layers in the U.S. on March 1, 2003, totaled 338 million, up slightly from a year ago. The 338 million layers consisted of 278 million layers producing table type eggs, 57.4 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 2.62 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on March 1, 2003, averaged 69.6 eggs per 100 layers, down 1 percent from a year ago.

Laying flocks in the 30 major egg producing States produced 6.18 billion eggs during February 2003, up slightly from a year ago. The average number of layers during February, at 316 million, was down slightly from a year ago.

LAYERS AND EGGS: Selected States and U.S.,
February 2003

Selected States	Avg. layers on hand	Egg production	Rate of lay
	Thousands	Millions	
Alabama	9,975	172	61.6
Arkansas	15,271	262	61.3
California	21,104	418	70.8
Florida	10,868	214	70.3
Georgia	20,375	377	66.1
Indiana	22,872	459	71.1
Iowa	37,738	758	71.8
Maine	4,300	87	72.3
Maryland	3,203	66	73.6
Michigan	6,770	137	72.3
Minnesota	11,350	240	75.5
Mississippi	6,846	124	64.7
Missouri	6,861	141	73.4
Nebraska	11,722	237	72.2
New York	3,670	78	75.9
North Carolina	11,141	194	62.2
Ohio	30,133	590	69.9
Pennsylvania	24,403	520	76.1
South Carolina	5,267	106	71.9
Texas	18,720	363	69.3
Virginia	3,320	58	62.4
Washington	4,959	98	70.6
Other States	22,356	437	71.3
United States	338,190	6,617	69.9

UNITED STATES HOGS AND PIGS

U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2003, was 58.1 million head. This was 2 percent below March 1, 2002, and 2 percent below December 1, 2002.

Breeding inventory, at 5.96 million head, was down 4 percent from March 1, 2002, and down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 52.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year and 3 percent below last quarter.

The December 2002-February 2003 U.S. pig crop, at 24.4 million head, was 2 percent less than 2002, and 2 percent more than 2001. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.77 million head, 2 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 46 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter was 8.81 pigs saved per litter for the December 2002-February 2003 period, compared to 8.74 last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.60 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 8.90 for operations with more than 5,000 hogs and pigs.

U.S. HOG PRODUCERS intend to have 2.84 million sows farrow during the March-May 2003 quarter, 3 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 2002, and 1 percent below 2001. Intended farrowings for June-August 2003, at 2.79 million sows, are 3 percent below the same period in both 2002 and 2001.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with over 5,000 head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 35 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, up from 31 percent last year.

HOGS AND PIGS: Inventory number, sows farrowing
and pig crop, 2002-03, United States

	2002	2003	2003 as % of 2002
	1,000 head		
December 1 Inventory			
All hogs and pigs	59,248	58,107	98
Kept for breeding	6,236	5,956	96
Market	53,011	52,151	98
Market hogs and pigs by weight groups:			
Under 60 pound	19,487	19,110	98
60 - 119 pounds	12,975	12,655	98
120 - 179 pounds	11,172	10,894	98
180 pounds	9,377	9,492	101
Sows farrowing:			
December ^{1/} - February	2,836	2,767	98
March - May	2,943	2,842	97
December ^{1/} - May	5,779	5,610	97
June - August	2,887	2,792	97
September - November	2,817		
June - November	5,704		
Pig crop:			
December ^{1/} - February	24,794	24,374	98
March - May	25,959		
June - August	25,700		
September - November	24,892		

^{1/} December preceding year.

HATCHERY PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

The February hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 5,224,000 was 31 percent below a year earlier. Broiler-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 4,141,000, were 40 percent below a year ago.

Egg-type hatch during February at 620,000 chicks was one percent above last year. Egg-type eggs in incubators on March 1, at 502,000 were 14 percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

The February 2003 hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 695 million, was down 1 percent from February of the previous year. There were 630 million eggs in incubators on March 1, 2003, down 3 percent from a year earlier.

Leading breeders placed 6.7 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during February 2003, down 8 percent from February 2002.

Egg-type chicks hatched during February totaled 30.0 million, down 13 percent from February 2002. Eggs in incubators totaled 30.5 million on March 1, 2003, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 221,000 during February 2003, down 11 percent from February 2002.

Hatchery production, United States

Item	2002	2003	2003 % of 2002
-- Thousands --			
Egg-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	32,833	30,547	93
Chicks hatched during Feb	34,326	29,988	87
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	247	221	89
7-18 months earlier ^{1/}	3,205	2,916	91
Broiler-Type:			
Eggs in incubators: Mar 1	649,723	630,187	97
Chicks hatched during Feb	702,576	694,590	98
Pullets hatched during Feb for intended placements in hatchery supply flocks	7,275	6,659	92
7-14 months earlier ^{2/}	60,382	62,767	104

^{1/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched August 2001 through July 2002.

^{2/} 2003 includes pullet chicks hatched November 2001 through July 2002.

MILK PRODUCTION

FLORIDA

Florida dairy farms produced 198 million pounds of milk during February 2003, down two percent from the previous February. Production per cow of 1,345 pounds was one percent above last year. Milk cow numbers on Florida dairy farms in February totaled 147,000, three percent below last year.

UNITED STATES

Milk production in the 20 major States during February totaled 11.6 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from February 2002. January revised production, at 12.5 billion pounds, was up 1.8 percent from January 2002. The January revision represented an increase of 1 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 20 major States averaged 1,485 pounds for February, 13 pounds above February 2002.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 major States was 7.81 million head, 66,000 head more than February 2002, and 3,000 head more than January 2003.

Milk cows and production, Florida and U.S.

Month and year		Milk cows	Monthly milk production	
			Per cow	Monthly Total
		Thous.	Lbs.	Mil. Lbs.
Florida:				
February	2002	152	1,335	203
January	2003	147	1,415	208
February	2003	147	1,345	198
20 Major States:				
February	2002	7,744	1,472	11,401
January	2003	7,807	1,607	12,548
February	2003	7,810	1,485	11,596
United States				
February	2002	--	--	13,229
January	2003	--	--	14,560
February	2003	--	--	13,456

Milk production by quarters, United States

Month	Milk cows ^{1/}		Milk per cow ^{2/}		Milk production	
	2001	2002	2001	2002	2001	2002
	Thousand		Pounds		Mil. Lbs.	
Jan-Mar	9,143	9,112	4,514	4,653	41,267	42,397
Apr-Jun	9,114	9,149	4,683	4,811	42,681	44,015
Jul-Sep	9,098	9,153	4,459	4,566	40,570	41,791
Oct-Dec	9,105	9,148	4,483	4,543	40,818	41,555
Annual Total	9,115	9,141	18,139	18,571	165,336	169,758

^{1/} Dry cows. Excludes heifers not yet fresh.

^{2/} Excludes milk sucked by calves.

LIVESTOCK SLAUGHTER

Commercial red meat output in Florida for February 2003 was 5.1 million pounds, 11 percent above the same month last year.

Commercial production of red meat in the United States for February at 3.49 billion pounds, was slightly below 2002.

Commercial slaughter and red meat production, Florida and United States

Source and kind	February 2002	January 2003	February 2003	Year to date 2002	Year to date 2003
Florida					
Cattle slaughtered (1000 head) ^{1/}	7	9	7	16	16
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	5	8	8	11	16
Total liveweight (1,000 pounds)	1,009	1,318	1,420	2,082	2,738
Red meat production (million pounds)	4.6	5.8	5.1	10.2	10.9
United States					
Cattle:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	2,616	3,007	2,570	5,672	5,577
Total liveweight (million pounds)	3,283	3,814	3,240	7,134	7,054
Average liveweight (pounds)	1,255	1,268	1,261	1,258	1,265
Beef production (million pounds)	1,987	2,292	1,944	4,317	4,236
Calves:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	73	94	83	160	177
Total liveweight (million pounds)	24	30	26	52	56
Average liveweight (pounds)	326	* 318	316	324	317
Veal production (million pounds)	14	18	16	31	34
Hogs:					
Head slaughtered (1,000 head)	7,501	8,788	7,680	16,159	16,468
Liveweight (million pounds)	2,000	2,353	2,047	4,317	4,400
Average liveweight (pounds)	267	268	267	267	267
Pork production (million pounds)	1,482	1,749	1,521	3,198	3,270
Red meat production (million pounds)	3,502	4,076	3,497	7,583	7,573

^{1/}Does not include calf slaughter data. * Revised

Average Dollars Per Cwt Received through 11 Florida Auctions February 2002 and 2003

Stocker calves under 300 lbs.					Stocker calves over 300 lbs.				
Grade	2002		2003		Grade	2002		2003	
	Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers		Steers	Heifers	Steers	Heifers
Large #1	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	88.33	Large #1	106.71	92.97	99.56	84.03
Medium #1	128.03	111.35	120.46	102.91	Medium #1	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}	^{1/}
Medium #2	109.52	97.18	104.29	86.48	Medium #2	94.49	84.31	89.64	78.13
All grades	121.36	105.27	111.34	92.71	All grades	101.83	89.78	94.19	81.26

SOURCE: FDA & CS, Div. Of Marketing and Development, Market News Service.

^{1/} Unavailable.